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Grace to you and Peace from God

Our Mission:

“Passion for Christ, Heart for the Lost”

(Phil. 1 : 21; Matt. 28 : 18—20)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pre-Worship Hymns	<i>“Before The Throne Of God Above”</i>	Sis Chea Ruei Jean & Sis Cheryl Chiu
Prelude		
Silent Meditation		
Call to Worship		Dn Jeremy Hor
Opening Hymn	20 <i>“Praise Him! Praise Him!”</i>	
*Gloria Patri		
Hymn	161 <i>“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”</i>	
Responsive Reading	Ecclesiastes 1:12-18	
Offerings		
** Doxology		
Scripture Reading	Genesis 34	
Hymn	<i>“How Deep the Father’s Love For Us”</i>	
Pastoral Prayer		
Message	“DINAH: A TRAGIC EVENT”	REV TAN ENG BOO
Closing Hymn	91 <i>“The Steps of a Good Man”</i>	
Benediction		
Threefold Amen		
Welcome & Announcements		

* Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the
beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen

** Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

WILL GRACE CHURCH STOP USING THE KING JAMES VERSION (KJV)?

Someone asked me if our church is changing to a different Bible version as we have been using the English Standard Version (ESV) quite often on the pulpit ministry.

Let me begin with the B-P Church (BPC) denomination. Since its founding in 1950 most BPCs have been using the King James Version (KJV). Since the introduction of the New International Version (NIV) some have taken on this version, but recently with the introduction of the ESV, most of these churches have turned to the ESV. The recently formed Presbytery of the Bible-Presbyterian Church in Singapore (BPCIS) does not make its members to use the KJV or the ESV only. They have left it entirely to each church to determine which version suits the church.

What about Grace Church, will we put aside the KJV and use a different version in the future? Will it be the ESV or the NKJV or the NASB etc.? There are so many Bible versions today. Which one will it be? Or should we continue with the KJV?

Firstly, let us all understand that the KJV must not be treated like this is the only BIBLE every Christian must use. Prior to the KJV there were other Bibles. **Wycliffe Bible** (1382) was a translation from the Latin Vulgate. John Wycliffe was known as the Morning Star of the Reformation. His desire was that God's people will get to read God's Word.

William Tyndale was the other person who translated the NT into English in 1525. He was declared a heretic for doing so and burned at the stake in 1535. It is known that eighty percent of Tyndale's translation found its way into the KJV.

Then there were the Coverdale Bible (1535), Matthew's Bible (1537), The Great Bible (1539), The Geneva Bible (1560) which the English Puritan used. It was the Bible most

used by Shakespeare and carried to America on the *Mayflower* by the Puritans. There was also the Bishop's Bible (1586). The KJV was only done in 1611. The KJV has also gone through many revisions since 1611.

Secondly, we must guard against the perception that the KJV is "inspired" by God and that God has preserved only one Bible for the Christians, and that is the KJV. This is what the KJV-Only proponent would advocate and go against all other Bible translations, even the New King James Version (NKJV).

It is no doubt that the KJV is a good Bible. One that has been used by the church of Jesus Christ for many years. We must, however, know that in this day and time, the English language has evolved. Not many people can handle the archaic words in the KJV.

I know that one major trouble people have about newer Bible translations is the removal of some verses. If you have been using the KJV for many years, you will be quite troubled about it. We need to understand why these verses have been removed. Modern translators did so because they used the newer discovered Greek and Hebrew manuscript which is older than the manuscript the KJV translators managed to use in 1611, commonly known as the Received Text or the Textus Receptus.

I am not surprised that Bible teachers and scholars whom we respect and use their books and study Bibles today, i.e., John MacArthur, R.C. Sproul, John Piper, just to name a few, do not use the KJV. They use the New American Standard Bible (NASB) or the ESV or the NKJV.

My recommendation is to look into one of the three translations (Bibles), NKJV, NASB, ESV to replace the KJV, but I will leave the decision to a new generation of leaders whom I am confident that they will handle such matter sensitively.

Pastor

ADULT FELLOWSHIP RETREAT IN BERJAYA WATERFRONT, JOHOR

27-28 April, 2018

17 AFers met together at this retreat. The theme was on “**PRAYER.**” Pastor Chacko Thomas shared on the life of William Carey and challenged the seniors in Grace Church to “**Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God.**” He shared on the prayer life and ministry of Operation Mobilisation (OM) and especially on how the Lord answered the prayers of an elderly lady who prayed for the conversion of someone who would be God’s missionary. It turned out to be the conversion of George Verwer, who became the founder of OM and the beginning of a world-wide ministry of the M/V Logos and M/V Dolous.

The Afers prayed for 3 things:

1. More labourers for the harvest field
2. For the persecuted believers
3. For Christians in rich countries to give and provide for the needs of churches and missions

Pastor

Pray for Pastor Chacko as he is almost 70 years old. Pray for strength to continue to serve God



Praise and Prayer Items

- ⤴ **Thank God** for safety & protection on Evonne, Wendy & Jee Eng on their recent trip to Ipoh. **Thank God** for the opportunity to read with many kids from the mobile library.
- ⤴ **Pray for Mr Lim Chan Kong, Bro Chien Chong, Sis Sue San, Joshua & Elijah** on the home going of Mdm Low Hiong Lan. May the Lord continue to comfort their hearts and grant them His peace.
- ⤴ **Serving the Lord’s Supper to the homebound:** Pray for Pastor as he goes on this round with Chew Gim and others to encourage these people in their faith. Pray for safety as this is done once a month.
- ⤴ **Pray for Pastor** as he prepares to preach next Sunday on Gen. 35.
- ⤴ **Preacher Wun-Long’s wedding:** Pray for the preparation and smooth running of the program on 26 May.
- ⤴ **Pray for Dn James Chen** as he prepares to preach in the Young Adult Sunday on Sunday, 27 May in church.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

WED	Prayer Meeting	8.00 p.m.
SAT	Adult Fellowship (Last Saturday of every month)	5.30 p.m.
SUN	Worship Service	9.30 a.m.
	Junior Worship	9.30 a.m.
	Bible Class	11.30 a.m.

Last Week's Collections

Offerings	\$ 2,628.25
Tithes	\$ 7,726.00
Building Fund	\$ 1,042.45

APPOINTMENTS

Prayer Meeting — Wednesday

Attendance on 9 May: 13

Dn Daniel Tan takes devotion on 16 May.

Worship Service Next Sunday-20 May:

Speaker:	Rev Tan Eng Boo
Chairman:	Dn John Chen
Pianist:	Bro Adrian Teo
Organist:	Sis Mildred Chan

Ushers

This Week: Dn Daniel Tan/Bro Richard Tan
Sis Naomi Neoh

Next Week: Bro Allan Lim/Dr Tan Teck Shi
Bro Lee Kee Min

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This Week : Sis Evonne Tee/Bro Chea Ruei-E
Next Week: Bro Nathanael Goh/Sis Sarah Goh

Junior Worship (7-10 years old)

This Week: Sis Joanne Chen

Next Week: Sis Lim Sue San

Pre-Primary Worship (3-6 years old)

This Week: Sis Hannah Yeo

Next Week: Sis Chea Ee Wen

Flowers and Refreshment

This Week: Wendy/Geok Kee/Yu Sin

Next Week: M/M Chan Beng Hock

Refreshment Duty

This Week: M/M Philip & Magdalene Wong

Next Week: Dr/M Tan Teck Shi & Moi Kim

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kindly turn off your mobile phones or put them on silent mode!

***“The Lord is in His holy temple:
let all the earth keep silence before Him.”***

A Blessed Mother's Day to all the mothers, mothers-to-be and grandmothers in Grace church

Our deepest condolences to Mr Lim Chan Kong, Bro Chien Chong, Sis Sue San, Joshua & Elijah whose wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, Mdm Low Hiong Lan was called home to be with the Lord on Tue, 8 May. Funeral was on Sat. 12 May.

Pastor speaks at MS today, 11.30am. No BC today.

Dn Jeremy Hor will be overseas from 19 -27 May.

AF meeting will be held on Sat 19 May 5.30 pm in church. Speaker: Rev Steven Tan. Topic: “Living for Tomorrow.”

Staff on annual leave - Sis Irene Lim from 23-30 May; Pastor from 27 May-11 Jun; Pr Wun Long on marriage leave 23-31 May.

Church Camp from 13 to 16 Jun (Wed to Sat) @ Renaissance Hotel, JB. Camp speaker: Rev Daniel Chua. He will be speaking from the book of Ruth. The theme: “Ruth: It's Not LUV But LVK.” Kindly hand in your registration form to Bro David Leong, Bro Eric Ng &/or Sis Mildred Chan. Registration forms are available at the admin table.

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